announced a package for Vidharbha region of Maharashtra for the districts of Amrawati, Wardha, Yavatmal, Akola, Washim and Buldhana. Besides, other items the package envisages an additional credit flow of Rs. 1275 crores in these six districts in 2006-07. This target of additional credit flow has been allocated by the Steering Committee of the State Level Bankers Committee amongst Commercial Banks (Rs. 625.55 crores), Regional Rural Banks (Rs. 107.54 crores) and the Cooperative Banks (Rs. 625.55 crores).

RBI and NABARD have issued guidelines to banks for implementation of the above.

Loans written off by public sector banks

762. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of loans written off by Public Sector Banks during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government paid full amount to compensate the Public Sector Banks affected by this write-off, if so, the total amount reimbursed to these banks;

(c) what is the quantum of loan advanced by the banks in the Co-operative sector which were written off;

(d) how much money was reimbursed to the Co-operative Banks; and

(e) if not, by when Government would pay the outstanding amount with interest to the Co-operative Banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) the Non-Performing Assets written off by Public Sector Banks during the year 2003-04,2004-05 and 2005-06 were Rs. 11308 crore, Rs. 8102 crore and Rs. 9933 crore respectively .

(b) No, Sir. However with a view to strengthen their balance sheets, facilitate their adopting Basel-ll prescriptions, meet their future capital requirehnents through Initial Public Offer, instill confidence, among investors for investing in their shares and to enable them to expand their business, Government has decided to net off the entire accumulated

losses of Indian Bank and United Bank of India against their equity capital as on 31.03.2006.

(c) The existing reporting system captures write off data in respect of Scheduled and Non-scheduled banks having deposits in excess of Rs. 100 crore. The quantum of loan written off by Scheduled Co-operative Banks during the 2003-04,2004-05 and 2005-06 was Rs. 201.80 crore, Rs. 224.51 crore and Rs. 128.97 crore respectively.

(d) and (e) The write offs result from internal decision by the banks, and are not reimbursed by the Government.

Funding of projects by IIFCL

763. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Infrastructure Finance Co. Ltd., (IIFCL) has sanctioned Rs. 458 crore for funding a number of projects in the port, power and urban infrastructure sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the details of the projects that are proposed to be covered under this scheme in Orissa State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) Financial assistance for 12 infrastructure projects amounting to Rs. 965 crore stands approved so far by the Board of Directors of IIFCL.

(c) A letter was addressed to Chief Secretary, Orissa in March 2006 requesting for proposal related to infrastructure projects in Orissa. However, India Infrastructure Finance Co. Ltd., (IIFCL) has not received any proposal for financial assistance involing a project in Orissa.

Misuse of Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement with Mauritius

764. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken by Government to stop misuse of Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) with Mauritius, as stated in National Common Minimum Programme of Government;

(b) the number of misuse identified so far and action taken thereon;